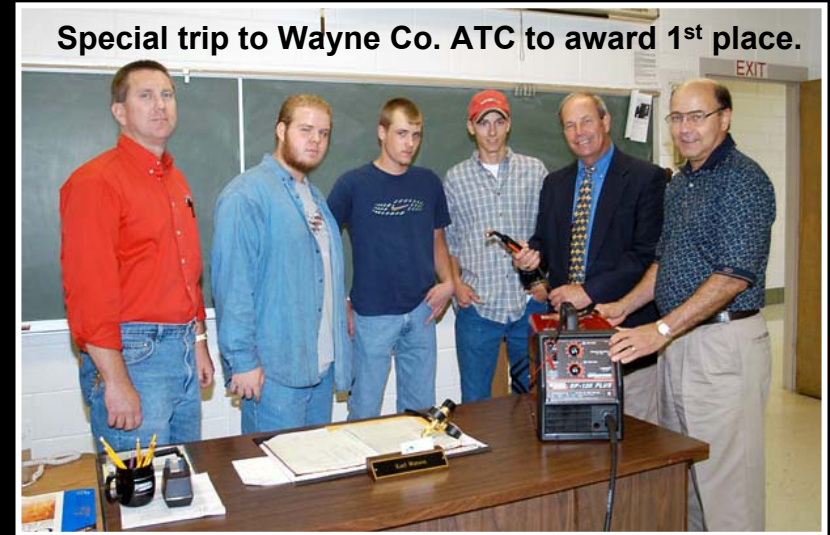


Wayne Co. ATC Wins Welding Competition Sponsored by Lincoln Electric Co.



Wayne Co. ATC BBQ grill is showcased with judges posing after final tabulation. Lincoln Electric District Manager Lou Vitucci, fourth from left, was responsible for setting up the competition.

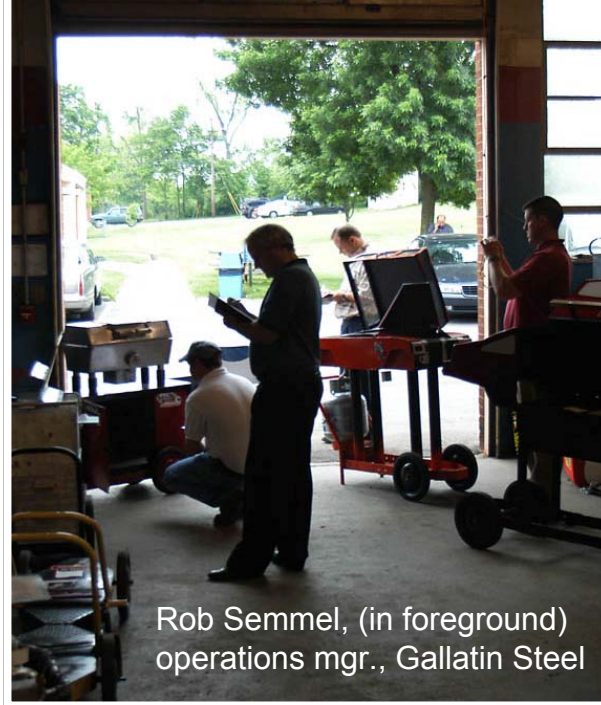


Special trip to Wayne Co. ATC to award 1st place.
(l to r) Welding Instructor Karl Watson, senior students Travis Flynn, Alan Bell and Matthew Parmley shown with Commissioner Emil Jezik and Lou Vitucci being awarded a Lincoln Mig Welder for 1st place.

The first annual “*Lincoln Electric Welding Contest*” was recently completed and students in Karl Watson’s welding program at the Wayne ATC were declared the winners for their *BBQ grill* entry. A total of thirteen projects were submitted for the competition. Second place was awarded to C.E. McCormick ATC welding students under the direction of Charles Germann. Their entry was a *race car grill*. Third place honors went to Jefferson Technical College for their *portable fishing seat*. Todd Hatfield is the instructor of the program. An honorary fourth place was awarded to the Meade Co. ATC welding program, taught by Dave McCoy, for their *power mig tool box* and honorary fifth place went to the Jackson Co. ATC welding program, guided by John Estridge, for their *garden utility cart*.



Emil Jezik inspects Meade Co. entry.



Rob Semmel, (in foreground) operations mgr., Gallatin Steel



John Klauer, engineer NACCO-Materials Handling Group, Inc.



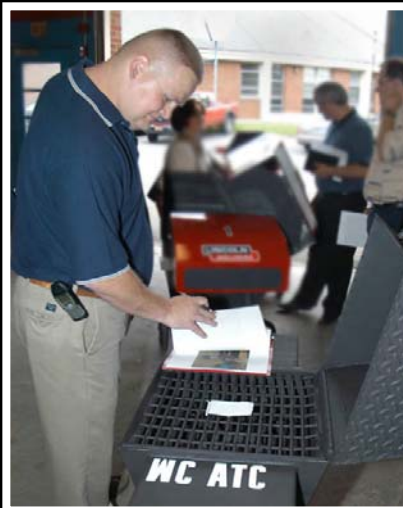
Doug Miller, welder Hayes Lammertz
"I enjoyed the contest and quality of projects."

Lincoln Electric Co. provided the prizes for the contest. Wayne Co. ATC received a MIG welder, C.E. McCormick wins a Harris Cutting/Welding outfit and Jefferson Technical College will be awarded 250 lbs. mild steel electrodes of choice.

"This contest was created to help bring a little excitement into the classroom and to provide some fun for all the kids," says Lincoln Electric District Manager Lou Vitucci. "It was also aimed at making business and industry people aware of the quality of students being developed out of the vocational-technical schools in Kentucky."

The objective of the contest was to build a creative design of any "object" using a Lincoln 2-wheeled undercarriage as the base. Contest rules stated the project was to be designed, built and reported by the students in a Kentucky welding class, which included secondary KY Tech area technology centers and local district schools as well as postsecondary institutions. Additionally, written reports and photos were required prior to the delivery of the **creation**.

Tim Carroll,
operations
manager,
Progressive
Systems



Michael Clevenger,
Link Belt production supervisor



Vitucci and Jezik
examine a written report

Prior to judging the entries, DTE Commissioner Emil Jezik showed up to view all the projects and thank Lincoln Electric and the judges for their efforts.

“We appreciate Lincoln Electric’s overall support of technical education and their emphasis on learning skills,” said Jezik. “Likewise, we appreciate the support of business and industry members for showing interest in who we are and what we do. It provides a balance in making sure we are staying in the game and providing the type of employee necessary in today’s work world.”

A panel of five business and industry representatives chose the winners. Judging was based on creativity, attractiveness, sturdiness and usefulness.

“I would like to thank Lou Vitucci for asking Progressive Systems Inc. to participate in the contest,” says Tim Carroll, operations manager. “I thoroughly enjoyed myself and feel that this was a wonderful way to get young people interested in the welding industry. I also think this should be an annual contest.”

“I think more companies need to get involved in this type of contest,” says Michael Clevenger, production supervisor at Link Belt. “It helps build a sense of pride in workmanship and quality of the product.”



Wayne Co. ATC BBQ Grill



C.E. McCormick Race Car grill



Pictured from left: First place entry from Wayne Co. ATC; second place entry from C.E. McCormick ATC and third place entry from Jefferson Technical College.

“We are supportive of programs like this and somewhere along the line we need to congratulate all the instructors and students for their efforts,” said Rob Semmel, operations manager at Gallatin Steel. “This was a tough choice and it shows the quality and pride students have in their work. As a matter of fact, Gallatin Steel has had an opportunity to hire some excellent employees out of the Carroll Co. ATC. We are familiar with KY Tech.”

Wayne Co. ATC Welding Instructor Karl Watson was excited to learn that his students had won the competition.

“We believe that our students created a worthy project and are pleased to have been awarded first place,” said Watson. “My students are proud to be associated with building the BBQ grill and have great pride in their work.”

“The efforts and skill of our students have been spotlighted as a result of this competition and we thank Lincoln Electric Co. for their development of this contest,” said Wayne Co. ATC Principal Danny Guffey.



Rob Semmel

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